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## NORTON ANNOUNCES COLORADO CONDOLENCES FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN

Lieutenant Governor Jane Norton provides a way for Coloradans to send a heartfelt message to the Reagan family

(**DENVER**) – Lieutenant Governor Jane Norton today announced the means by which Colorado residents will have a chance to send a message to the Reagan family.

"There has been such an overwhelming reaction from the people of Colorado and the nation regarding the death of President Reagan," said Norton, "Having served in his Administration and seeing first-hand what an amazing leader he was, I knew our citizens would need a way to convey their appreciation and respect."

Beginning today and throughout next week, Coloradans can stop by the capitol outside of Norton's office and write a message to the family of President Reagan and participate in the "National Day of Mourning," as set forth by President Bush in his June 5 proclamation.

"President Reagan was a magnificent symbol of hope and prosperity to the American people. He was a man of true honor whose love for his country became contagious to a nation in need. The essence of his demeanor is truly what we, the leaders of Colorado, should mirror. I join our country in mourning this immeasurable loss," said Norton.

"President Bush called upon Americans to 'pay homage to the memory of President Reagan' tomorrow as we come together as a nation to mourn his passing," said Norton, "I want to ensure Coloradans have a way to not only express their grief and thoughts, but to know they will be passed along to those closest to President Reagan."

The compiled book of messages will be sent along to the Reagan Library. The public can take part in this effort between 8:00am and 5:00pm at the Colorado State Capitol Building, 200 E Colfax Avenue, outside room 130.

Jane Norton was sworn in as Colorado's 46<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Governor on January 13, 2003. She served in the Reagan Administration as a regional director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from April 1988 to January 1993.